



7강: 베니스의 상인 The Merchant of Venice – William Shakespeare

About the book

: The Merchant of Venice is a play written by Shakespeare in the 16th century. Charles and Mary Lamb rewrote the whole story in prose for young readers in 1807.

About the author

: William Shakespeare (1564~1616) was an English poet and playwright. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. Many of Shakespeare's plays such as Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, and Macbeth are considered to be tragedies, but this play is called a tragicomedy due to its happy ending.

Summary

: A poor nobleman named Bassanio asks Antonio to lend him some money to marry Portia. Antonio is unable to do that because he has tied up all his money to cargo ships. Bassanio visits Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, and asks him to give a loan of three thousand ducats (\$530,000). Shylock agrees but demands a pound of Antonio's flesh as collateral. Thinking this is a joke, Antonio accepts it.

After his engagement to Portia, Bassanio learns that Antonio has lost all his money and must give a pound of flesh to Shylock. Portia disguises herself as a judge and tries to save her husband's best friend in court.

Vocabulary

desire	바라다 / 욕망
insist on/upon	고집을 부리다
flesh	살, 살코기
endeavor	노력 / 노력하다
wrest	비틀다, 왜곡하다
establish	수립하다, 확고히 하다
alter	변경하다
plead	주장하다, 변호하다
in one's favor	~에게 유리하게
honor	기리다, 기념하다
bond	계약, 유대, 채권
forfeit	몰수하다, 기권하다
bid	명령하다, 입찰하다
bosom	가슴, 젖가슴
eagerness	열의, 열정
resignation	체념, 사직
grieve	애도하다

[Read It Yourself]

"Is he not able to pay the money?" asked Portia. Bassanio then offered the Jew the payment of the three thousand ducats as many times over as he should desire; which Shylock refusing, and still insisting upon having a pound of Antonio's flesh. Bassanio begged the learned young counsellor would endeavour to wrest the law a little, to save Antonio's life. But Portia gravely answered, that laws once established must never be altered. Shylock hearing Portia say that the law might not be



altered, it seemed to him that she was pleading in his favour, and he said, "A Daniel has come to judgment! O wise young judge, how I do honour you! How much elder are you than your looks! "

Portia now desired Shylock to let her look at the bond; and when she had read it, she said, "This bond is forfeited, and by this the Jew may lawfully claim a pound of flesh, to be by him cut off nearest Antonio's heart." Then she said to Shylock, "Be merciful: take the money, and bid me tear the bond." But no mercy would the cruel Shylock show; and he said, "By my soul I swear, there is no power in the tongue of men to alter me."

"Why then, Antonio," said Portia, "you must prepare your bosom for the knife;" and while Shylock was sharpening a long knife with great eagerness to cut off the pound of flesh, Portia said to Antonio, "Have you anything to say?" Antonio with a calm resignation replied, that he had but little to say, for that he had prepared his mind for death. Then he said to Bassanio, "Give me your hand, Bassanio! Fare you well! Grieve not that I am fallen into this misfortune for you. Commend me to your honourable wife, and tell her how I have loved you!"

Quest

: Bassanio spends all he has without any plans for the future. He even takes a huge loan from a loan shark and nearly kills his best friend. What are your spending habits? Think about the troubles that you would face if you acted like Bassanio.